UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

LAURENE YU
Plaintiff

AGAINST

Case No. 1:17 CV 07327i

HON. ROBERT SWEET

USDC SDNY
et al
Defendant(s)

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PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS:

The Pro se, Plaintiff, Laurene Yu, respectfully requests this Honorable Court to deny the motion to dismiss.

ARGUMENT

- 1. Answering Point one (1), 'of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss,' concede that I have exhausted administrative remedies with respect to race, age, and retaliation. They incorrectly stated that I failed to allege national origin discrimination in my Notice of Claim of Discrimination. See (Exhibit A- Notice of Discrimination Charge), the actual filing for EEOC was intake dated July 26, 2017 and the initial complaint of Race, Age, National Origin, and Retaliation, were checked off. The defendant's copy was irregularly marked off. I should be allowed to proceed on my color, religion, and sex discrimination claim, that the defendants stated otherwise.
- 2. Answering Point two (2), 'of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss,' my complaint alleges retaliation under Title VII and the ADEA that post-date events September 4, 2016, as does my termination on September 15, 2016, and so the applicable statute fall within the limitations of 300 days. In addition, my complaint alleges violations of §1983, and which has a three 3-year

limitation period, as well as the city and state law claims that also have a 3-year limitation period. My complaint alleges discriminatory and retaliatory acts that fall within the limitations period that occurred after on many time periods from September 25, 2014, to Sept 4, 2016, and presently. Although, defendant's rely on supporting, cohorted evidences by City Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), City Managers and other city witnesses, 100% of my complaints of discrimination were dismissed entirely. Hence, I do not articulate, in speech or written word (here) as rude as they aggressively stated. In fact, as such a hostile work environment, such as ACS, and the City of New York, to describe someone as "rude and describing my eyes as shifty and seething" is a matter of question. I had stated I felt sorry for Laura Postiglione 'Ms. Postiglione,' who had been demoted from her job as Press Secretary. When reviewing the legitimacy of my witness, 'Mr. Lehman,' he was Ms. Postiglione's union rep, and had no benefit in coming to testify for me.

3. Answering Point three (3) 'of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss,' the comment in question may serve as a predicate to my federal laws claims as demonstrating discriminatory animus by defendants; notably Supervisor, Ms. Postiglione, a white woman, on record saying "They should go after the Asian girl." Defendants admitted and minimized that a "stray comment" by a supervisor addressing me, or any worker by race, age, and sex, is a legitimate and acceptable business practice, yet alone rude. While this predicate is a strong animus and base said from Supervisor, and the defendant's justifying and dismissing it, I suffered adverse employment actions throughout my tenure. There is a legitimate connection to said statements and the hostile work environment. It has also been documented of discriminatory behavior(s) specifically towards Asians as evidenced in an EEO agency memo, titled "Inappropriate Behavior in the Workplace Memo by EEO" by ACS and City of New York. See (Exhibit B- EEO Inappropriate Behavior in the Workplace Memo). In Morales v City of New York & ACS, (2016), the defendants argued that administrative complaints include issues raised with the NYS Division of Human Rights (SDHR) are exhaustive. I should be allowed to raise complaints under Equal Protection Clause, § 1981, New York State Human Rights Law (SHRL), and New York City Human Rights Law (CHRL).

4. Answering Point four (4) 'of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss,' defendant's admitted and accepted that discipline charges of a 30-day suspension proffered two weeks after my SDHR complaint of retaliation and discrimination. To establish a prima facie case, an inference of discrimination also arises when an employer replaces a terminated or demoted employee with an individual outside the employee's protected class. See *Carlton v. Mystic Transp.*, Inc 201 F.3d 129, 135 (2d Cir.2000). I was not only replaced by a white ACS employee, 'Laura Postiglione,' and later, a younger co-worker, 'Stephanie Remawiritan.' I consequently suffered abuse and adverse employment actions because I opposed such business practices, though the defendants will argue that I was solely the cause of my own termination. Defendant's, and ALJ 's determination to state that I was condescending about Supervisor's Ms. Postiglione's qualifications and abilities, and rude and disrespectful when asked to complete the simple tasks begs the question, why have an Equal Employment Opportunity Policy when I (one) can't even challenge these questions of personnel, nonetheless a supervisor's accountability.

Also, to prove the casual connection between the protected activity and adverse employment action, the protected activity was followed closely by discriminatory and disparate treatment, and or retaliatory animus directed against me by the defendants. In the retaliatory charges, the adverse employment action two weeks apart, from my protest show a direct inference in my race, age, and sex and obvious prejudicial and disparate treatment. *Gordon v NYC Bd. Of Educ.*, 232 F.3d 111, 117 (2d Cir2000); *De la Cruz v NYC Human Res Admin Dept of Social Servs.*, 82 F.3d 16, 20 (2d Cir 1996); *Littlejohn v City of New York and ACS*, 795 F.3d 297 (2015); *Zimmermann*, 251 F.3d at 381; *Soto v Schembri*, 960 F. Supp. 751, 759 (S.D.N.Y.1997) notes that the New York City Charter vests final policymaking authority with respect to personnel decisions, thus the defendant's doctrine of collateral estoppel does not apply here, and shows a continued ongoing hostile work environment.

I had originally been doing the work of three (3) workers, and managing the small department, while fighting ACS for the proper pay and Supervisor title. ACS refused to grant me salary parity, instead had to win them through labor arbitrations. See (Exhibit C-Letter of Award

for Winning Out-of-Title Work through Arbitration). This conditionally, added to a continuous hostile work environment where I was coerced into doing above level work, and scrutinized for my every move.

5. Answering Point five (5) 'of Defendant's Motion to Dismiss,' I have fully satisfied timely service(s) of my complaint twice; once by certified mail-which the defendants willfully ignored, and again, by process server. See **Docket sheet for timely process, and proof of service.** In addition, even if my 30-day discipline without pay in 2013 and termination in 2016 may not be challenged under federal law under the collateral estoppel doctrine, I should be allowed to pursue a claim of hostile work environment and retaliation predicated on other acts.

I have adequately stated claims of for wrongful termination, through witch hunt and defamation, hostile work environment, and discrimination based on race, age, religion, national origin and retaliation through adverse employment actions. I am Asian, Chinese, yellow, female, over 40, and religious. I was also qualified for the position, since (Exhibit C- Award for Out of Title work) determined I was doing the work of higher grade level. The defendants already cited reasons why my claims should be able to survive by their own case studies and legal arguments. Additionally, the defendants wanted more specific dates and details, as to my discrimination, hostile work environment and on-going retaliation claim. *They are as follows:*

a) I was subjected to hostile environment that included disparate treatment throughout my tenure at ACS. After I was terminated in September 2016, several ACS employees were demoted, suspended, or terminated only after the news profiled the killing of a child that made front-page. See Exhibit D- Article https://nypost.com/2017/8/11/acs-was-right-to-punish-lawyers-in zymere-perkins-case-judge/; See Exhibit E- Article https://nypost.com/2016/12/13/zymere-perkins-acs-report/; See Exhibit O- Article https://nypost.com/2017/04/18/acs-fired-me-for-doing-my-job-suit. This also warranted ACS to hire many outside consultants, and a state-run independent monitor.

My disciplines, and adverse employment actions were harsh and over exaggerated, even

though I had provided great service to the agency, and commendations. In 2012, I was one of four people who made it to work during Hurricane Sandy.

b) I was subjected to ongoing hostile work environment where ACS technicians would cyber harass and come repeatedly to my work station by not fixing my computer, and deny me of specialized software and equipment since 2012-2016. After hundreds of computer service tickets, both my computer(s)PC and Apple never adequately worked. See (Exhibit G: PC Hack; Exhibit H: Apple Hack). As a specialist who needed specific tools, I was oppressed because the Supervisors did not want me to succeed, and stay down. Instead, the technicians provided the best equipment to the Supervisor, Laura Postiglione, the white woman who replaced me, and Stephanie Ramatiwiran, a younger woman. This I know, because I was only able to produce work with my personal equipment and on personal time. I was constantly suffering from anxiety and depression for fear of being threatened with discipline for not producing satisfactory work. To this day, 2018, my personal email: (laurene.yu@gmail.com) has been blocked for communication throughout. See (Exhibit I: Blocking of my personal email record samples 1-4).

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c) I was subjected to hostile work environment, and disparate treatment, as ACS denied me

getting money, opportunities, improvement and training for the Mayor's Graduate Scholarship Program, ¹ that was open to any city employee. The Human Resources staff at ACS stated they "could not endorse me," despite the fact that the application did not need any endorsement from ACS. Because of that I was not even allowed to apply for any room to change my situation or even compete, or possibly bring pride to ACS. This scholarship showed my endeavor for self-improvement. Recipients have included NYC Police Officers with serious discipline records were given these opportunities and room for improvement.

- d) I was subjected to continuous hostile work environment included the staff at NYC ACS to deny me my any pay equity or promotions, since I had worked at Level I for eight (8) years, 2008-2016 and despite winning multiple labor grievances, See (Exhibit C-Letter of Award for Winning Out-of-Title Work through Arbitration). ACS never promoted me, despite my winning of (3) Out-of-Work Titles grievances, and thus sustaining I was not allowed Equal Protection because they refused to put me as equal.
- e) I was subjected to continuous-hostile work environment because I was forced to report to work in a warehouse in Carnasie, Brooklyn, with no suitable tasks, working resources, and relocation expenses. I lived 20 minute walking distance from City Hall area. As I mentioned, I was one of four (4) people who reported to work on Hurricane Sandy in 2012, and had no problems with reporting to work until they sent me to an opposite commute past sketchy areas.
- f) I was subjected to continuous hostile work environment while working in the Carnasie, Brooklyn site. My timesheets were altered by then Director of Employment Law, Susan Starker, Esq who changed my timesheet without my approval. See Connolly v City of New York, Susan Starker, Joseph Cardieri, Esq. et al (2016). Ms. Starker, was later demoted, only after the agency made

¹ Mayors Scholarship: Eligibility

be a full-time City government employee; have obtained an undergraduate degree from an accredited college/university or have completed your undergraduate degree by the Fall of the academic year for which you are applying (applicants already possessing a master's degree are eligible); remain a full-time City government employee throughout your course of study; meet the minimum scholarship requirements listed in the Scholarship Offering guide (e.g., The school may require that you be a new entrant to the institution.)

headline news, in which she challenged her demotion and wanted name-clearing, but had her case dismissed.

- g) I was subjected to continuous hostile work environment included I was barred from taken training classes at the City-Wide Training Center at NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS). While I was sitting at the training, (that cost \$200) I was singled out, embarrassed and pulled me out of a class where I was already registered, and already working in small groups. The small group attendees were shocked and dismayed that this was possible for a city employee.
- h) I was subjected to continuous hostile work environment when I was escorted out of the building by security at 150 William Street, because they felt I was a danger to the rest of the staff.
- i) I was subjected to continuous hostile work environment when a Chief of Staff, Kaytlin Simmons, Esq. falsely accused me of threatening her when I asked for one hour (1) overtime, and failed to sign my timesheet on-time as part of her administrative tasks. I asked her a business question, since she stated in addition to having a Juris Doctor, that she graduated from Columbia School of Business, with an MBA. My appeal and win for NYS Unemployment which was adjudicated by an NYS Administrative Law Judge stated there was no evidence of misconduct.

See Exhibit J-NYS Unemployment Letter of Adjudication.

The FINDINGS OF FACT on hearing June 15, 2017 stated that was the employers second default, and deemed to have failed to appear at the hearing, yet still applied to reopen the decision.

The loss of employment was not through misconduct.

- j) I was subjected to hostile work environment and continued retaliation when I was blacklisted from being hired to other City Jobs. See Exhibit K: Record of Application of City Jobs. City of New York employs hundreds of thousands, in addition spending on hundreds of consultants.
 - k) I was subjected to hostile work environment and continued retaliation when I could not

even obtain a volunteer position with City Corps,² even after I passed a telephone screening. Even with the need for helping seniors and immigrants, I was denied. See **Exhibit L: Email and Application for City Corps.**

I) I was subjected to hostile work environment and continued retaliation through all the inflamed accusations, and frivolous hearings that caused me emotional distress with my personal and work life. In a nice email addressed to Commissioner of NYC ACS, David Hansell, Esq. and Commissioner of NYC DCAS, Lisette Camillo, Esq. they refused to address my complaints. As I mentioned, my name and email Laurene.yu@gmail.com have been blocked and unnecessarily defamed, and soon after the emails blocked. See (Exhibit M: Emails to DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camillo's Office, and ACS Commissioner, David Hansell).

MY EMAIL FOR REINSTATMENT

On Fri, May 12, 2017 at 6:01 PM, Laurene Uy < <u>laurene yu@gmail.com</u>> wrote: Hi:

I was given your name to be reinstated because Civil Service Commission did not give me a reconsideration for termination appeal. I was a certified graphic artist, for 8 years at ACS; and I was dismissed as they stated "incompetent & misconduct" (which I don't even know what they could possibly mean after I received a merit increase). Their opinions- which I felt were rather heavy-handed--left me feeling vilified; as an immigrant, and a minority woman.

Please see the provisions **6.2.6.** attached.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks so much Laurene Yu

6.2.6. Reinstatement of Dismissed Employee.

(a) An agency under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of citywide administrative services, upon written application for reinstatement by a person who was dismissed from a permanent competitive or labor class position in such agency, which sets forth the reasons for requesting an opportunity of making a further explanation, may consider such application. (b) If the agency shall determine that such application and explanation are meritorious, it may, in its

² City Corps, an AmeriCorps program launched in November 2015 by NYC Service, recruits a diverse group of corps members to serve full-time for 10 months at City agencies. City Service Corps is comprised of high-impact service projects led by city agencies in focus areas addressing critical capacity and community-related issues

discretion and with the approval of the commissioner of citywide administrative services, reinstate such person; provided however, that:

- (1) such person shall be eligible for reinstatement for a period of one year only from the date of dismissal; and
- (2) such person shall execute a prescribed waiver, in writing, with respect to claims for back pay, civil service rights and status for the period of the dismissal.
- m) Because of the continuous hostile work environment, continued retaliation, and adverse employment actions, I was subjected to many constitutional violations. Blocking of my emails, laurene.yu@gmail.com to City of New York, is a violation of my First Amendment right, 42 USC § 1983, denying me my basic rights of freedom of speech. In addition, the defendants lied and said that it was fixed recently. The defendants have blocked my email throughout City agencies, even at Corporate Counsel's Office; an office that I had no dealings with till now. See (Exhibit N: Email from Corporate Counsel Elizabeth Robbins, Esq.)

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DEFENDANT'S ANSWER:

On May 7, 2018, at 1:07 PM, Robins, Elizabeth (Law) <erobins@law.nyc.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Yu:

This morning I received confirmation that any issue regarding e-mails coming from <u>Laurene.yu@gmail.com</u> has been resolved – please let me know if there are any issues going forward.

Yes, I am fine with consenting to additional time for your response. How much time are you requesting?

Sincerely, Elizabeth Robins

The **First Amendment** right to criticize public officials is well-established and supported by ample caselaw; a public official's retaliation against an individual exercising my First Amendment rights is a violation and retaliation of § 1983.

n) Because of the continuous hostile work environment, continued retaliation, and adverse employment actions, from 2012 to ongoing, I was subjected to violation of my **Fourteenth Amendment** right of 42 USC

§ 1983 of The Equal Protection Clause and Due Process. My background and supporting facts showcase conspiracy of personnel, and management; and hostile work environment with a discriminatory animus towards me. At first glance, the defendant's will argue that due process, and equal protection, was given, but in reality, the defendant's rubber stamped, and predetermined the outcome is one-sided since all of my complaint's dismissed in its entirety.

In March 2016, prior to my termination, I filled out a standard workplace violence form, against former Supervisors, Laura Postiglione 'Ms. Postiglione;' Kaytlin Simmons, Esq 'Ms. Simmons;' and Susan Hochberg, Esq. 'Ms. Hochberg.' There was no investigation, towards any of my complaints of workplace harassment.

In late August 2016, I went to NYC Department of Investigation (D.O.I.) to report abuse, waste and mismanagement, and I was called in from the Carnasie warehouse, terminated and escorted out of the building two days later.

In September 2016, and January 2017, the defendant's concluded that I had loss my job due

to misconduct, but the NYS Unemployment ALJ stated that there was no misconduct.

Poor public opinion of the defunct agency Administration for Children Services, 'ACS', and City of New York, have been well documented and continue to plague this agency. *Monell v Dept of Social Services*, 436 U.S. 658 (1976). See *Segal v City of New York*, 459 F. 3d 207, 219 (2d Cur. 2006)) Monell does not provide a separate cause of action for the failure by the government to train its employees; it extends liability to a municipal organization where that organization's failure to train, or the policies or customs that it has sanctioned, led to an independent constitutional violation." See *Wapniak v City of New York, Administration for Children Services (ACS)*, et al. (2017) p5. Actions of the 'group of defendants' politicized staff positions, scrutinized petty incidents, and minimized their own failed policies. Supporting documents include See (Exhibits C,D,E,O) document a very dysfunctional agency, well-known internationally. Additionally, City-Wide EEO policy is for all employees and public to see on the internet and http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcas/downloads/pdf/misc/about eeo booklet.pdf.

o) Because of the continuous hostile work environment, from 2012 to ongoing, I was subjected to violation of my **Seventh Amendment** right to the United States Constitution is part of the Bill of Rights. This amendment codifies the right to a jury trial in certain civil cases and inhibits courts from overturning a jury's findings of fact.

Even if I can not argue a federal claim in terms of discrimination or termination, the mere forces collectively of all the ineptness of city workers, and city attorneys despite my self-attempts to lift myself, ask for transfers, self-improve, self-educate, self-promote, should question whether all the battles were in my job description and still survive this very hostile work situation, one-sided, prejudice directed towards me.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, I, Plaintiff, would like to respectfully request that this Honorable Court deny Defendant's motion to dismiss. My pervasive complaints of discrimination, retaliation, wrongful termination and defamation and use of unfettered abuse of power by 'group of defendants' damaged my opportunities by continually defaming me, punishing me through disdain, political witch hunt, and with means of malicious intent and prosecution. I have done nothing but work to the best of my ability, asserted my rights, with limited resources, and limited opportunities, and tried to leave the city better than it was before. I do not talk, act, communicate, nor behave in anyway shape or form as they have demonized me to be.

Respectfully submitted,

BY: Laurene Yu, 335 East 14th, #52 New York, NY 10009 PRO SE Plaintiff Laurene.yu@gmail.com (917)592-5889

DATED: New York, NY May, 29 2018

Exhibit A: EEOC Original Charge of Discrimination

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

New York District Office - INTAKE 33 Whitehall Street, 5th Floor New York, NY 10004



This agency enforces the laws against discrimination in employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability, or genetic information. The event you are complaining about must have occurred within a maximum of 300 days of the filing of a charge. Our jurisdiction covers public and private employers with 15 or more employees (20 or more employees for age complaints), labor unions, and employment agencies located in New York State south of Albany. If you work for the Federal Government, you must first contact your agency's Equal Employment Office in order to file a complaint.

To better serve your interest and avoid delays in processing your complaint, please answer the following questions:

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NAME: LAUVENE YU
TEL. NO. WHERE WE CAN CONTACT YOU: (917)592-5887
A. What was the Latest or Most Recent Date of discrimination which you are alleging?
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B. Does your employer have fewer than 15 employees (20 for age complaints)?
Yes No How many employees?
C. Have you filed a complaint with another agency (such as the New York State Division of Human Rights or the New York City Commission on Human Rights?
Yes No
f Yes, Name of agency and date of filing: EEUC, MYSHR
D. Do you work for a Federal Government Agency (Such as the U.S. Postal Service?
/esNo
"IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE THE

RECEPTIONIST, AS THE EEOC MAY NOT HAVE JURISDICTION OVER YOUR CLAIMS

If you answered NO to the above questions, please fill out the questionnaire and return it the receptionist, who will give you further instructions about our procedures.

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION INTAKE QUESTIONNAIRE

Please immediately complete this entire form and return it to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC"). REMEMBER, a charge of employment discrimination must be filed within the time limits imposed by law, within 180 days or in some places within 300 days of the alleged discrimination. When we receive this form, we will review it to determine EEOC coverage. Answer all questions completely, and attach additional pages if needed to complete your responses. If you do not know the answer to a question, answer by stating "not known." If a question is not applicable, write "N/A." (PLEASE PRINT)

1. Personal Informat	tion
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City: NYC	County: State: <u>NY</u> Zip: <u>10009</u>
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iii. What is your Nation	nal Origin (country of origin or ancestry)?
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Pay Rate When Hired:	
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Name and Title of Imme	ediate Supervisor: Kaytlin Yukeisha Symmous, ESQ
	Andre L. Brown

Community Coordinator If Job Applicant, Date You Applied for Job 7- Job Title Applied For Deployee: 4. What is the reason (basis) for your claim of employment discrimination? FOR EXAMPLE, if you feel that you were treated worse than someone else because of race, you should check the box next to Race. If you feel you were treated worse for several reasons, such as your sex, religion and national origin, you should check all that apply. If you complained about discrimination, participated in someone else's complaint, or filed a charge of discrimination, and a negative action was threatened or taken, you should check the box next to Retaliation. ☐ Race ☐ Sex ☐ Age ☐ Disability ☐ National Origin ☐ Religion ☐ Retaliation ☐ Pregnancy ☐ Color (typically a difference in skin shade within the same race) \square Genetic Information; circle which type(s) of genetic information is involved: i. genetic testing ii. family medical history iii. genetic services (genetic services means counseling, education or testing) If you checked color, religion or national origin, please specify: If you checked genetic information, how did the employer obtain the genetic information? Other reason (basis) for discrimination (Explain): 5. What happened to you that you believe was discriminatory? Include the date(s) of harm, the action(s), and the name(s) and title(s) of the person(s) who you believe discriminated against you. Please attach additional pages if needed. (Example: 10/02/06 - Discharged by Mr. John Soto, Production Supervisor) A. Date: 7- 2016 Action: Not hived / Black ust Name and Title of Person(s) Responsible: B. Date: Action: Name and Title of Person(s) Responsible 6. Why do you believe these actions were discriminatory? Please attach additional pages if needed. 7. What reason(s) were given to you for the acts you consider discriminatory? By whom? His or Her Job Title? Malicions persecution / false charges, Light to investigation; no security/protection 8. Describe who was in the same or similar situation as you and how they were treated. For example, who else applied for the same job you did, who else had the same attendance record, or who else had the same performance? Provide the race, sex, age, national origin, religion, or disability of these individuals, if known, and if it relates to your claim of discrimination. For example, if your complaint alleges race discrimination, provide the race of each person; if it alleges sex discrimination, provide the sex of each person; and so on. Use additional sheets if needed. Of the persons in the same or similar situation as you, who was treated better than you? Race, sex, age, national origin, religion or disability Full Name Job Title Description of Treatment A. Kaytlin Yukusha Simmons Andre L. Brown Assistant commissioner

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12. Did you ask your	employer for an	y changes or assista	ace to do your job	because of your d	isability?
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How did your employer	r respond to your	request?			

13. Are there any witnesses to the alleged discriminatory incidents? If yes, please identify them below and tell us what

they will say. (Please attach additional pages if needed to complete your response)

Full Name	Job Title	Address & Phone Number	What do you believe this person will tell us?
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Exhibit B: 2002 EEO Memo for Inappropriate Behavior in Workplace towards Asians

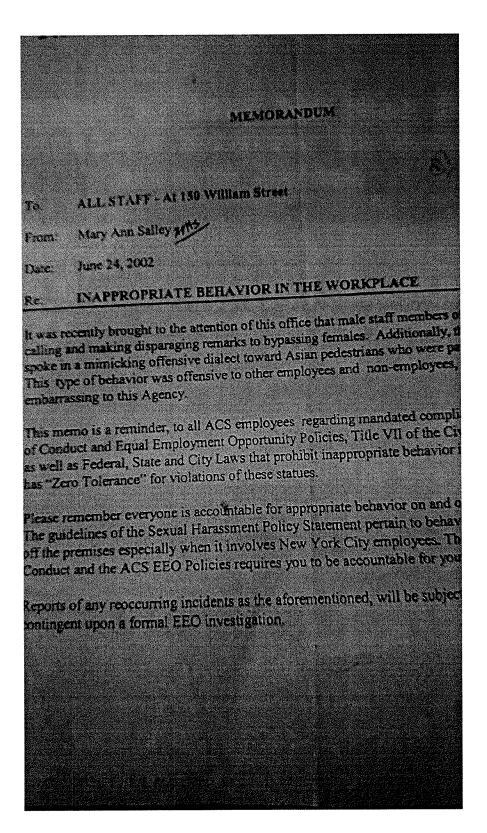


Exhibit C: Arbitration Award for Labor Disputes

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Award #3

BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

Laurene Yu 432 East 14th St., #7 New York, NY 10007

> Re: <u>Arbitration Decision and Award</u> ACS, L. 375 (Exp., Out-of-Title)

> > A-14088-11

Dear Ms. Yu:

As we discussed yesterday, enclosed please find a copy of the arbitrator's decision and award in the out-of-title grievance filed on your behalf. The arbitrator sustained the grievance, in part, finding that you were performing out-of-title duties consistent with those of a Graphic Artist Level II for the period of January 2011 until the end of June 2011. As such, you are to receive the difference in pay between that of your salary as a Graphic Artist Level I and the salary of a Graphic Artist Level II for such 6-month period.

You should receive the backpay award within 4-6 weeks. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 815-1450.

Very truly yours,

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District Council

August 7, 2012

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Administrative Services

150 William Street-14th Floor

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Office of Labor Relations

By: Elliott Sussman, Hearing Officer Consultant

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Exhibit D: ARTICLE

https://nypost.com/2017/08/11/acs-was-right-to-punish-lawyers-in-zymere-perkins-case-judge/

Two employees of the city's Administration for Children's Services don't deserve to have their names cleared in the death of a 6-year-old Zymere Perkins, who was fatally bludgeoned with a broomstick while under ACS's care, a judge ruled Friday.

ACS was right to punish lawyers Susan Starker and Lee Gordon for their role in the case, Manhattan Supreme Court Judge Manuel Mendez ruled on Friday.

Mendez rejected their request for a "name-clearing hearing" and dismissed their lawsuit against the city.

In the aftermath of the September 2016 death, it emerged that Zymere had been beaten repeatedly in the previous months.

Starker and Gordon were among the ACS employees punished, <u>suffering demotions and 30-day suspensions</u> without pay.

They later sued the city claiming they were picked on for observing Rosh Hashanah following Zymere's death, which made them unavailable for questions.

Mendez ruled that Starker and Gordon were punished because they allowed the boy's caseworker, Nitza Sutton, to return to work on his case despite knowing she had falsified documents.

They should have alerted the city's Department of Investigation, which could have brought charges against Sutton for incompetence, the judge said. Instead, "Sutton subsequently returned to her full duty, and resumed responsibility over the file of the young boy," the judge said.

Geraldine Perkins, Zymere's mom, and her boyfriend, Rysheim Smith, have been charged with manslaughter.

Exhibit E: ARTICLE

http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2016/12/13/zymere-perkins-acs-report/

Three ACS Employees Fired, Independent Monitor Ordered After Probe Of Zymere Perkins Case

NEW YORK (CBSNewYork) — Three New York City Administration of Children and Family Services workers were fired Tuesday, and the city accepted a state order for an independent monitor, after a scathing report on the agency's handling of the death of a 6-year-old Harlem boy.

As CBS2's Valerie Castro reported, the report issued by the state Office of Children and Family Services detailed five complaints of abuse and neglect that ACS investigated involving Zymere Perkins, 6. It followed a report on the investigation that was issued by ACS itself. (continued)

Exhibit F: Article

https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/29/nyregion/how-new-yorks-child-welfare-chief-is-trying-to-fix-his-agencys-image.html

How New York's Child Welfare Chief Is Trying to Fix His Agency's Image

Contending with the reputation that flows from such failures, and from the role the agency plays in removing at-risk children from their homes, often compounds the challenges the agency faces. Families can be less inclined to trust the agency's workers, and politicians can be less forthcoming with the funding the agency may need.

Mr. Hansell knows the agency has scant room for error, and that it is often perceived as intimidating, incompetent, or both. "I think a lot about what incredible power the agency has, the power to separate a family and to take a child away, and how you have to make sure you're using that power for good and not for ill," Mr. Hansell said.

Under Mr. Hansell the agency has increased training, and it has added 600 new child protective workers since September, with another 400 set to come on board by the end of June. The agency has also expanded the duties of investigators, retired police detectives who generally research the backgrounds of families and go out on high-risk cases that involve domestic violence and children under 7.

Mr. Hansell already has drawn criticism from outside child-welfare experts who fault him for a 13 percent rise in children removed from their homes and placed in foster care. He said that increase corresponded with an increase in reports <u>following a succession of children's deaths in 2016</u>.

And he has to manage an ethics conflict stemming from his last job, as a managing director at the consulting firm KPMG, where he was in charge of the social services arm. KPMG has \$2 million in contracts with the Administration for Children's Services, to work on some of the agency's juvenile justice efforts. When he joined the agency, he sent a letter to the chief contracting officer recusing himself from any financial decisions dealings with KPMG.

The child welfare job has long been one of the hotter seats in city government, and that ended up being true for Mr. Hansell's predecessor, Gladys Carrión. Facing fierce criticism, she <u>announced her retirement</u> in December 2016 after the deaths of two children that illuminated understaffing, poor training of workers and lapses in child protection investigations.

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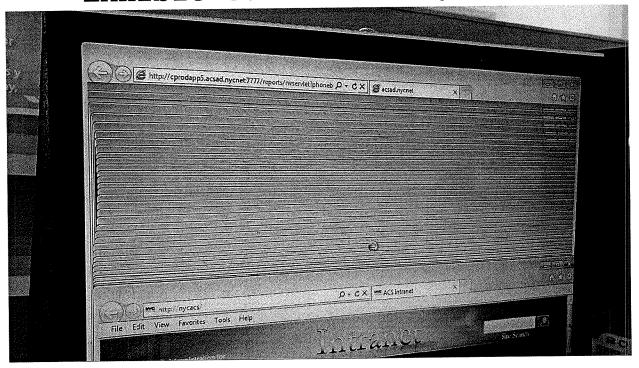
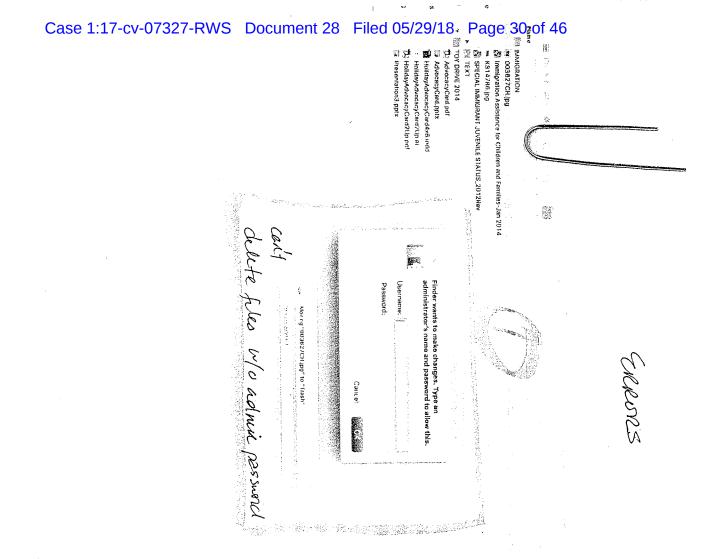
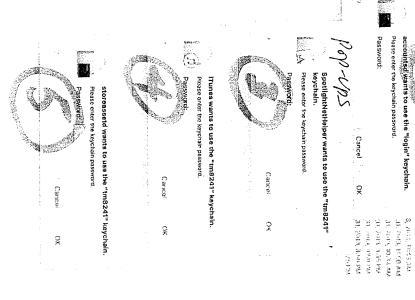


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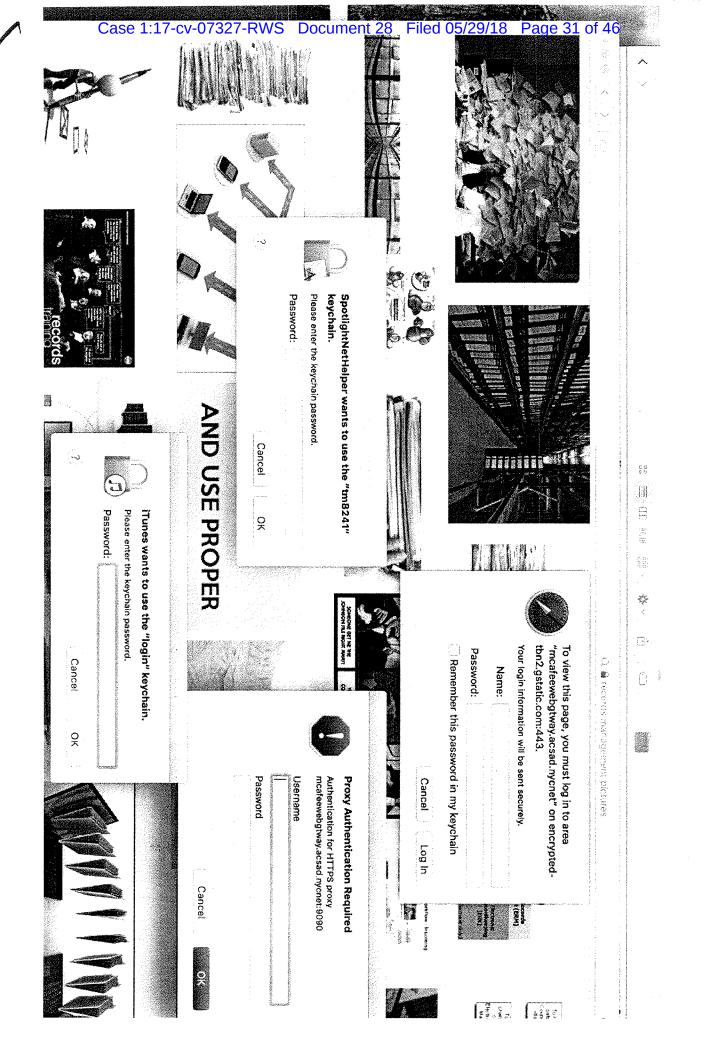


Exhibit I: Samples 1-4

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2. BLOCKED EMAILS: MAY 7, 2018, 10:38AM

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Robins, Elizabeth (Law)

to Laurene, me

Dear Ms. Yu:

This morning I received confirmation that any issue regarding e-mails coming from <u>Laurene.yu@gmail.com</u> has been resolved – please let me know if there are any issues going forward.

Yes, I am fine with consenting to additional time for your response. How much time are you requesting?

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Robins

From: laurene Y [mailto:laureneyu2017@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, May 07, 2018 10:39 AM

To: Robins, Elizabeth (Law)

Subject: Answer to motion to dismiss

Good morning ms.Robbins.

Just wondering if i can have extension of time to answer motion. According to local civil rule 6.1, it's 14 days.

Thank you. Laurene yu

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Exhibit J: NYS UNEMPLOYMENT ADJUDICATION

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A.L.J. Case No. 017-17739

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THE CITY OF NEW YORK DEPT OF DCAP 1 CENTRE ST RM 2180 NEW YORK NY 10007-1602

Department of Labor Office: 831

Hearing Requested: June 15, 2017

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ISSUES:

Loss of employment through misconduct.

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EMPLOYER SECOND DEFAULT - CLAIMANT'S CASE

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OPINION: Based upon a review of the record and evidence herein, the employer is held in default because the employer failed to appear at the requested hearing.

DECISION: The employer's application to reopen the decision of the Administrative Law Judge is denied. That decision continues in effect.

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Administrative Law Judge

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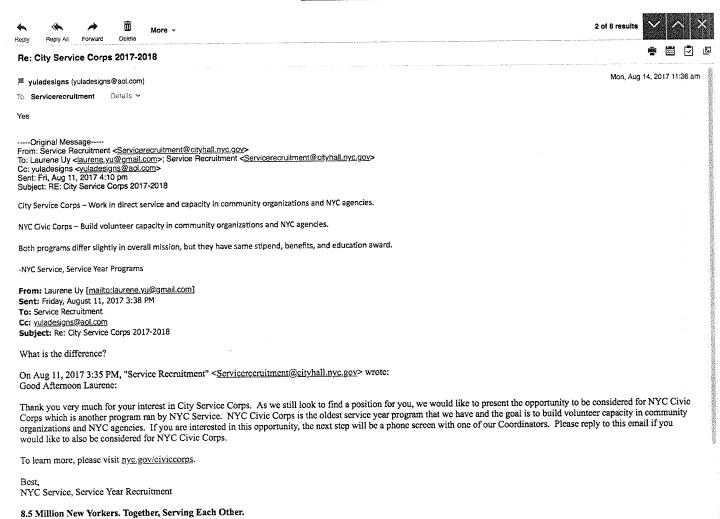
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Exhibit M: EMAILS TO NYC DCAS COMMISSIONER, ACS COMMISSIONER

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2 messages

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to me

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Robins, Elizabeth (Law) (erobins@law.nyc.gov)

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To: <Tsz_Man_Chan@nysd.uscourts.gov>

Cc: "Robins, Elizabeth (Law)" <erobins@law.nyc.gov>

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Date: Fri, 25 May 2018 12:31:33 -0400

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Thank you!

On Fri, May 25, 2018, 12:30 PM < Tsz Man Chan@nysd.uscourts.gov > wrote:

Dear Ms. Yu and Counsel,

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Thank you for your quick reply.

The Court will adjourned the May 29 pretrial conference.

Please see the attached order.

Have a nice weekend.

Thank you,

Mr. Tsz M. Chan

Courtroom Deputy to Honorable Robert W. Sweet United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street - Courtroom 18C New York, NY 10007

Email: Tsz Man Chan@nysd.uscourts.gov

Tel: 212-805-0124 Fax: 212-805-7925

Exhibit O: ARTICLE

https://nypost.com/2017/04/18/acs-fired-me-for-doing-my-job-suit/

A man hired by the city's <u>troubled Administration for Children's Services</u> to save taxpayers money was fired for doing his job, according to his new whistleblower lawsuit.

The city comptroller's office had created an audit officer position for ACS in 2015 to guard against the waste of public funds.

Adam Wapniak got the job in May 2016, but as soon as he flagged shoddy payment practices, favoritism and failure to hold contractors to budgets and timetables, he was demoted, his Manhattan federal suit says.

In one instance Wapniak, 38, reported to his supervisors that there was no contract or permits for construction of a juvenile jail in Jamaica, Queens, the suit says. Meanwhile the agency had already paid out thousands of dollars to vendors, the suit says.

Shortly after he filed a complaint with the city Department of Investigation he was canned in June 2016, the suit says.

"They brought me in to do a very specific job. I did it, and I got fired for it," Wapniak said.

His lawyer, Daniel Schneider, added, "the fact that they got rid of him so quickly definitely raises an eyebrow."

Wapniak is suing the city for \$7 million.

A city Law Department spokesman said the complaint will be reviewed.